



Los Angeles County Community and Senior Services

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM

FACT SHEET

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Adult Protective Services (APS) is a 24-hour service program mandated by the State to investigate all situations involving elders (65 or older) and dependent adults (18 - 64 and physically or mentally impaired) who are reported to be endangered by physical, sexual or financial abuse, isolation, neglect, or self-neglect. Reports may be made to APS through the **Elder Abuse Hotline**
877/4-R-SENIORS.

APS Social Workers make face-to-face contact with the abused, neglected or exploited person to investigate and assess the situation. If the client is abused, exploited or neglected, and is willing to cooperate, the Social Worker offers and arranges for services designed to reduce or eliminate the endangerment. The Social Worker oversees the creation of a support system by coordinating the efforts of family and friends with outside agencies such as the local Senior Center, law enforcement agency, the Alzheimer=s Association, or the Department of Consumer Affairs.

If the client is seriously endangered and significantly lacks mental capacity, and has no one to act on his or her behalf, the Social Worker coordinates interventions from appropriate public agencies. Such agencies may include the Department of Mental Health, Public Guardians Office, Law Enforcement, and the District Attorney's Office, among others. The Social Worker, as an advocate for the client, coordinates application for conservatorship. The Social Worker's goal is to help the client to get the supportive resources that he/she needs to live safely.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY:

Any endangered elder or dependent adult is eligible for APS without regard to income.

EXAMPLES OF SITUATIONS:

The following are examples of situations that are handled by APS:

- Inability to perform daily living activities and lack of assistive resources;
- Physical abuse, sexual abuse, or the threat of such abuse;
- Neglect by caregiver or self-neglect;
- Malnourishment, dehydration or lack of food;
- Physical restraint or confinement;
- Severe mental/emotional impairment poses danger to self or others (e.g., brandishing a weapon, threatening suicide, with a plan and means to do so, or threatening to physically harm another person.
- Threat of eviction or serious financial loss, due to inability to protect or to manage finances or assets;
- Living conditions which constitute a serious health or safety hazard.

FUNDING SOURCES:

- Adult Protective Services allocation from the State General Fund
- County Services Block Grant
- Federal Title XIX
- County Matching funds

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Please go to:

<http://dcss.co.la.ca.us> or call

1 877-477-3646

APS CENTRALIZED INTAKE UNIT: 888 - 202-4CIU (888 - 202-4248)

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